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Exeter Fire District

(January 14, 2010)

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Peter Wilbur called the January meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:02pm. Present were commissioners Lacouture, Wilbur, Aker, Gallagher, Slater and Nievera. Ms. Caito, district treasurer, was also present. There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

Public Comment

Mr. Wilbur extended the congratulations of the Board of Commissioners to Mr. (Dave) Chamberlain for his election to Chief of the Exeter #1 Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Chamberlain stated that his new appointment to the Dispatch Board of Directors would be Scott Kettelle.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Caito reported the beginning balance in the district accounts to be \$274,947.76 as of October 08, 2009. Activity within the accounts brings the balance to \$391,561.09 as of December 8, 2009. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Aker second) accepting the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera has compared the bank

statements with the reports of the treasure and is satisfied with their accuracy. Ms. Caito introduced the annual report from Peter D'orsi regarding the financial state of the fire district as of 06/30/09.

Previous Month's Minutes

Mr. Gallagher moved (Mr. Aker second) acceptance of the minutes of the November meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.

Communications

Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail had been given to the treasurer for her action. Among them were forms from the RI DLT. Also received was a letter notifying the board that Dave Chamberlain had been elected chief of the Exeter #1 Volunteer Fire Department. The annual request for commissioner contact information from the RI Ethics Commission has been received and returned to the State. An order form for office compliance posters was received. Mr. Nievera noted that a portion of the State grant monies would be used to purchase the (required) posters.

Old Business

Mr. Nievera read the report of the collector and gave a brief report on the status of delinquent accounts as of 12/30/09. He stated that there were 57 accounts that would comprise the new tax sale list. He stated that all 57 accounts would be sent a special delinquent notice at the end of the Q3 collection period. This letter usually brings significant results.

Mr. Nievera said that he would notify the Exeter BOC of our annual meeting and get the notification process started sometime next week. He also stated that he would print several copies of the nomination papers needed to run for the position of commissioner.

Mr. Lacouture reviewed the timeline for the annual meeting process. The annual meeting will be held on April 14, 2010. Mr. Lacouture also reviewed the schedule for meetings needed to prepare for the annual meeting. He also stated that he hoped that any increase requested by the organizations would be kept to a minimum.

Mr. Wilbur reported that the ISO committee had met before Christmas and had another meeting scheduled for late January, or soon thereafter.

Mr. Lacouture stated that he would address the Ad hoc committees and their assignments after the annual meeting.

New Business

Chief Chamberlain reported the he plans to begin a program of fire pre-plans for his department.

Mr. Lacouture reported that there had been several serious structure fires over the past months, and that there was an amount of friction between the dispatchers for the town and National Grid during one of these fires. After reviewing the incident tapes it was clear that the dispatcher for National Grid did not fully understand the seriousness of the incident.

Mr. Gallagher reported that Chief Caito and Margaret would be helping with the flu clinic to be held at the Job Corps facility on February 6th.

There was nothing to report from the Dispatch Corporation.

Mr. Lacouture reported that he would invite a representative from the Borderlands Project to give a short presentation at the close of the February 11th meeting.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Exeter Fire District Board of Commissioners will be held on February 11, 2010. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public library and will begin at 7:00pm.

Additionally, a budget hearing will be held on February 25th at the Exeter #1 Volunteer Fire Department, (305 Ten Rod Rd.). That meeting will also start at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Nievera second) adjournment at 7:54pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Nievera, Clerk

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